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Volusia County Court Judge Belle B. Schumann is retiring effective June 30, 2023.

Judge Schumann received her undergraduate degree from Stetson University and her law degree from Florida State University. She was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1984 and was appointed Volusia County Court Judge by Governor Jeb Bush in 2005. She was subsequently elected/re-elected without opposition in 2006, 2012, and 2018. As a County Court Judge, Schumann presided over every type of county court case, including misdemeanors, traffic, civil, and small claims. She is credited with spearheading the creation of the Volusia County DUI Court program and received the *Chief Justice Award for Excellence* in 2018. Before joining the Court, Judge Schumann worked in the State Attorney General's office for over 20 years.

Chief Judge James Clayton remarked: "As those of us who know Belle can attest, she is incredibly intelligent and dedicated to the rule of law. She has always had the courage to follow the law in her rulings, even if it was unpopular. But most importantly, she has been a source of wisdom and guidance to those who were smart enough to seek her counsel. She will be missed."

Judge Shumann's position will be filled by gubernatorial appointment.

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